<u>Keith Person</u> began his career with the Marietta Fire Department in 1997. Three years later he was one of the first to participate in a fledgling program that utilized Suppression Firefighters as Fire Inspectors. He remained in the program until his promotion to Firefighter Engineer in 2006. Keith has an incredible thirst for knowledge and has spent the majority of his career expanding his knowledge base.

During his tenure with Marietta, Person has earned two Associate Degrees from Pikes Peak Community College in the areas of Fire Science Technology and Homeland Security/Emergency Management. He has added numerous certifications to his impressive resume, including Hazardous Materials Technician, Weapons of Mass Destruction Technician, P.O.S.T. Instructor, Georgia Fire and Arson Investigator, Georgia Certified Emergency Manager, Georgia Identification Technician, and Georgia Public Fire and Life Safety Educator. Most recently, he earned certification as an NFPA 472 Radiation Specialist, and Office of Homeland Security/Office of Domestic Preparedness General Instructor in Weapons of Mass Destruction.

In 2008, all of Keith's hard work paid off and the earned a promotion to Lieutenant. He now serves as the department's Fire Protection Analyst.